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Bredesen Announces \$417,000 in Recycling Equipment Grants *Grants Will Help 19 Communities Meet Waste Reduction Goals*

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen and Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke announced today that 19 recycling equipment grants have been awarded for projects to help reduce landfill waste across Tennessee. These grants total more than \$417,000.

"I'm pleased we have a mechanism to help support waste reduction efforts for our counties," Bredesen said. "This program plays an important role in our state's strategy to encourage recycling and to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes into landfills in Tennessee."

Recycling equipment grants may be used to purchase equipment for new recycling programs, improve and expand the operation of an existing site or prepare recyclable materials for transport and marketing. Grants may be awarded to counties, cities, non-profit recycling organizations and solid waste authorities across Tennessee to help reach or exceed the goals set forth in the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991. Each recipient is required to match the state grant on a sliding scale basis. Local matching funds toward these 19 projects total nearly \$167,500.

The grant program was authorized by the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 and is supported from the Tennessee Solid Waste Management Fund, which is administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation. The fund receives its revenues from a state surcharge on each ton of solid waste disposed in landfills and from a fee on new tires sold in the state.

The recycling equipment grants announced today include:

APPLICANT	COUNTY	GRANT AMOUNT	APPLICANT'S MATCH	PROJECT/EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION
Anderson County	Anderson	\$15,192	\$15,192	Bins, baler, propane cylinder system, fluorescent bulb crusher, lift gate
Bledsoe County	Bledsoe	\$21,765	\$2,418	Roll-off containers
Chester County	Chester	\$25,000	\$3,000	Skid steer loader
Claiborne County Solid Waste	Claiborne	\$25,000	\$35,000	Horizontal baler
Goodwill Industries-Knoxville	Cocke	\$19,887	\$4,972	Metal wire mesh fences, enclosures, bins, lids
Fentress County	Fentress	\$20,806	\$5,202	Recycling containers
Goodwill Industries-Knoxville	Grainger	\$22,499	\$2,500	Trailer, bins with covers, stackable lids, storage containers

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Hardin County	Hardin	\$17,010	\$7,290	Recycling containers
Haywood County	Haywood	\$25,000	\$7,178	Mobile shredding unit, sorting conveyor belt
Hickman County	Hickman	\$25,000	\$19,700	Skid steer loader
Jefferson County Solid Waste	Jefferson	\$17,500	\$7,500	Horizontal baler
Marion County	Marion	\$21,765	\$2,418	Roll-off containers
City of Lewisburg	Marshall	\$25,000	\$10,715	Carts, RFID reader
Morgan County	Morgan	\$18,347	\$2,039	Flatbed trailers
Overton County	Overton	\$23,093	\$2,566	Glass crusher, recycling containers
Sequatchie County	Sequatchie	\$22,011	\$2,446	Compactor, roll-off container
Smith County	Smith	\$22,478	\$5,620	Forklift, diaphragm pump, recycling containers
Washington County	Washington	\$25,000	\$25,000	Recycling containers
Wayne County	Wayne	\$25,000	\$6,667	Recycling truck with enclosed bed, computer system
TOTAL		\$417,353	167,423	

More information about recycling equipment grants may be found on the Department of Environment and Conservation's Web site at www.tn.gov/environment/swm/grants.

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